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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office letter of November 7, 2003, and  
before examination, please amend the continuation application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Amend claim 6 to read as follows:--

6 (amended). A mill saw comprising

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- (a) a saw frame comprising parallel saw blades cutting only in  
a stroke direction,
  - (b) a slider-crank drive imparting cutting strokes to the saw  
frame at a given frequency,
  - (c) a feed conveyor for feeding stock to be cut by the saw  
blades in a feed direction,
    - (1) the saw blades being cantilevered in the feed  
direction, and